REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 23, 2005, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the present application has been amended in a manner that is considered to place it into consideration for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

At the outset, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-3 and 5-7.

The application has been amended to update the status of the parent application, to overcome the objection to claims 1-9 for clarity, and to rewrite in independent form the claims indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the grounds of objection have been overcome and that the grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and 103(a) have been rendered moot.
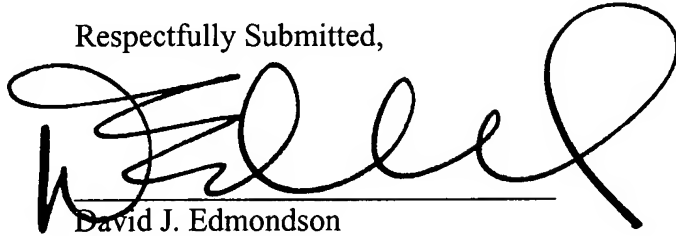
For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

If there remain any issues that can be overcome most easily through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME, LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (102367-00108). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, the Applicants hereby petition under

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37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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